इस पर कभी चर्चा हो तो ठीक होगा, लेकिन वैज्ञानिक रूप से इसको रोका नहीं जा सकता और यह मैं जरूर निवेदन कर दूं कि हम लोगों ने बॉर्डर एरियाज को विशेष तौर से जहां कि इस तरह से लाने का ज्यादा संदेह है, उन पर अपने हाई पावर ट्रांसमीटर्स लगाने का कार्य शुरू कर दिया है।

कुमारी चन्द्रिका प्रेमजी केनिया : सभापति महोदय, मंत्री महोदया, ने अभी बताया कि अगर निजीकरण नहीं करना है और उसके बीच का जो समय है उसमें आप रुचिकर और प्रासंगिक कार्यक्रम देना चाहेंगे। मैं भी टेलिविजन देखती हूं, वीडियो भी देखती हूं तो मुझे लगता है कि जो दूसरे प्रोग्राम्स आते हैं, केवल टी.वी. है और सी.एन.एन. टी.वी. है, उसके कैपेरीजन में हमारे टी वी प्रोग्राम्स ठीक तरह के नहीं आ रहे हैं। तो आप क्या कदम उठाएंगी ताकि टी.वी. कार्मर्सियालायजेशन की तरफ जिस तरह जा रहा है, उस पर रोक लगे और दूसरा "चौराहा" नाम का एक कार्यक्रम जो अशिक्षितों के पढ़ने-लिखने का कार्यक्रम था, उस पर रोक लगायी गयी है। क्या आप देखेंगी कि यह कार्यक्रम फिर से शुरू हो?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Price level of drugs and medicines

*105. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:

CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Editorial captioned "Break the deadly Nexus" that appeared in Indian Express on 25th October, 1991;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the price level of drugs and medicines is much higher than the claim of cost escalation by the industry;

(c) whether it is also a fact that anti-inflammatory Ibuprofen, anti-biotic Ampicillin, Vitamins, anti-Tuberculosis, anti-Diabeties and certain essential medicines are now highly expensive;

(d) what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(e) names of the drugs, their prices before increase and the present prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The prices of scheduled drugs and medicines are fixed under DPCO, 1987 in accordance with a formula and fixed norms which keep the prices of these drugs and medicines under adequate check. Recommendations of BICP, an expert organisation for industrial costs & pricing, are also considered before fixing/revising of prices of drugs and formulations. It is not correct to say that the price revision given by the Government is higher than the cost escalation.

(c) to (e) In a situation of rising cost of inputs some amount of increase in the prices of drugs and medicines is unavoidable. Adjustments in the exchange rate of rupee also have a bearing on these increases. A statement furnishing the details of prices of some of the ceiling packs of formulations based on bulk drugs Ampicillin, Ibuprofen, Rifampicin, etc. is appexed.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of formulation	Pre revised Price (Rs.)	Present Price (Rs.)	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	(1) *AMPICILLIN*			
1.	Ampicillin Trihydate Capsule 500mg, 10's	29·26 (4-1-1989)	27·65 (4-1-1991)	
2.	Ampicillin Sodium Inj. 1 vial 250mg/vial	4·78 (18-10-1989)	5·80 (10-4-1991)	
3.	Ampicillin Sodium Inj. 1 vial 250mg/vial	5·40 (10-4-1991)	6·20 (23-5-1991)	
4.	Ampicillion Sodium Inj. 500 mg/vial	7·10 (18-10-1989)	6·90 (10-4-1991)	
5.	Ampicillin Sodium Inj. 2gm/vial	11·94 (18-10-1989)	11·36 (10-4-1991)	
6.	Ampicillin Trihydrate 250mg/Cap, 4.s	6·22 (4-1-1989)	6·02 (7-1-1991)	
7.	Ampicillin Trihydrate 250mg/Cap, 10's	15·46 (4-1-1989)	14·84 (7-1-1991)	
8.	Ampicillin Trihydrate 250mg/Cap. 100's	148·94 (4-1-1989)	143·40 (7-1-1991)	
9.	Ampicillit Anhydrous Capsule 250mg/ 10's	18·90 (4-1-1989)	23·03 7-1-1991)	
	(2) *RIFAMPICIN*			High increase in the Price is due to increase in inputs cost on account of Exchange Rate adjustment
10.	Rifampicin Cap, 150mg4's Strip,	6·56 (15-5-1991)	7·58 (11-10-1991)	
11.	Rifampicin Cap, 300mg, 4's Strip,	12·08 (15-5-1991)	15·07 (11-10-1991)	
12.	Rifampicin Capsule 450mg, 3'sStrip,	13·36 (15-5-1991)	16·72 (11-10-1991)	
13.	Rifampicin Cap. 600 mg, 3's Strip,	17·66 (15-5-1991)	22·15 (10-11-1991)	
14.	Rifampicin 450mg—INH 4300 mg Tablets 3.s Strip,	10·43 (12-9-1989)	14·97 (2-11-1991)	
15.	Rifamicin 450mg 300mg Tablets 4's Strip.	15·82 (11-9-1991)	19·85 (2-11-1991)	
	(3) *ETHAMBUTOL*			
16.	Ethambutol Hcl 200mg 10's (Tablets)	4·08 (29-5-1991)	4·70 (11-10-1991)	High increase in the Price is due to increase in inputs cost on account of Exchange Rate adjustment
17.	Ethambutol Hcl 400mg. 10's (Tablets)	7·53 (29-5-1991)	8·77 (11-10-1991)	

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(4)	*RENITIDINE*			
18.	Rentidine Tablets 150mg. 10's.	..	17·44 (20-6-1988)	
19.	Rentidine Tablets 300mg, 10.s.	..	33·84 (20-6-1988)	
(5)	*INH*			
20.	INH 100mg 100's Bottle.	9·00 (30-10-1989)	9·80 (11-10-1991)	
(6)	*IBUPROFEN*			
21.	Ibuprofen Tablets 200mg, 10.s Strip,	3·34 (18-08-1989)	3·40 (2-11-1991)	
22.	Ibuprofen Tablet 400mg. 10.s Strip.	5·90 (18-8-1989)	6·04 (2-11-1991)	
23.	Ibuprofen 400mg—Paracetamol 325mg Tablet 10's	6·44 (18-8-1989)	6·71 (2-11-1991)	
24.	Ibuprofen 400mg+Paracetamol 325mg Tablet Coated 10.s	7·30 (7-11-1989)	7·56 (2-11-1991)	
(7)	*VITAMINS*			
25.	Vitamin 'A' Capsule 50000 i. u. 250's	76·78 (9-8-1989)	78·80 (7-12-1989)	
26.	Vitamin 'A' Inj. 3 lac iu/ml 6xl ml. Amp	14·12 (9-8-1989)	15·18 (7-12-1989)	
27.	Vit. 'C' 200mg 100's Tablets.	21·36 (7-12-1989)	24·46 (30-7-1990)	
28.	Vit 'C' 250mg, 100's.	19·20 (7-12-1989)	22·00 (30-7-1990)	
29.	Vit. 'C' 500mg, 10's	3·64 (7-12-1989)	4·26 (30-7-1990)	
30.	Vit. 'C' Inj. 250mg, 25+5 Amp.	50·30 (7-12-1989)	52·44 (30-7-1990)	
31.	Becosules Cap, 10.s	5·01 (29-8-1990)	5·43 (11-10-1991)	
* 32.	Insulin I.P. (C.C. 40 units/ml (10ml viaf)	15.80 (As per MIMS Nov. 1988)	27.30 (As per price List of Aug. 91 submitted by the Company).	
* 33.	—do— 80 units/ml (10 ml vial)	22.90 (As per MIMS Nov. 1988)	49.55 (As per price list of Aug. 91 submitted by the Company).	

*Being sold under generic name and hence, without price approval under DPCO, 1987.